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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. PRIME MINISTER SIRIMAVO BANDARANAIKE, IN PRESS INTERVIEW, HAS STATED THAT "CONSULTATION AMONG LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES UNDERTAKEN UNDER UN AUSPICES, HAS REVEALED A GENERAL CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF HOLDING OF A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AT AN EARLY DATE." SRI LANKA'S DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ)(REF A) CALLS CVR SUCH A CONFERENCE AS PRELUDE TO FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF UNGA IOPZ RESOLUTION. PRIME MINISTER WILL NO DOUBT SPECIFICALLY CALL FOR CONFERENCE WHEN SHE ADDRESSES UNGA NEXT MONTH TO PRESENT RESULTS OF CURRENT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. SHE IS ALSO LIKELY TO REITERATE CEYLONESE BELIEF THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF UNGA RESOLUTION IS ALL T U MORE URGENT NOW BECAUSE, WITH END
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OF INDOCHINA WAR, THE CENTER OF BIG-POWER CONFRONTAT-

ION IS SHIFTING FROM SOUTHEAST TO SOUTH ASIA.

2. IOPZ PROPOSAL, WHICH SRI LANKANS CONSIDER TO BE "THEIR ISSUE", HAS BEEN WELL-PUBLICIZED SINCE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE OPENED LAST WEEK. REPRINT FROM FOREIGN JOURNAL "SOLIDARITY" OF LENGTHY ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLE ON "IMPERALIST BASES" WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIAN OCEAN MAP WITH U.S., BRITISH AND FRENCH INSTALLATIONS MARKED. OTHER THAN THIS COLUMN, IOPZ STORIES HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY BALANRMD DENUNCIATIONS OF ALL POWERS IN INDIAN OCEAN. AUGUST 13 "CEYLON DAILY NEWS" EDITORIAL (REF B) POINTED OUT THAT IOPZ, DESPITE "MANY NATIONS WELCOMING IT, HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE REJECTED IN PRACTICE. THE BIGGER THE COUNTRY, THE SCANTER THE RESPECT IT PAID" TO UNGA RESOLUTION.

3. IOPZ SECTION OF DREZT POLITICAL DECLARATION ALSO CONDEMNS ALL GREAT POWERS INVOLVED IN INDIAN OCEAN BUT SINGLES OUT DIEGO GARCIA FOR SPECIAL MENTION.
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